# BOOKS OF THE WEEK SEEN IN REVIEW AND COMMENT

#### CRITICAL REVIEWS OF THE SEASON'S LATEST BOOKS

An Interesting Story of New York by Mr. Mc-Cutcheon-A Tale of Two "Little Mothers."

A Superior Detective Story-A Strange Novel with Charming and Powerful Parts.

FROM THE HOUSETOPS. (Dodd, | Heartstrings (Little. Brown & Co.) Mend & Co.) By George Barr quickly win the admiration and affec-

tion of a rather mature New England Metutebeon, (\$1.40.) spinster. She is a woman of wealth, It seems a pity that George Barr accustomed to have everything done Cutcheon in From the Housetops for her and delighting in foreign Dold, Mead & Co.) should kill off the travel with other spinsters like herdelightfully cynical old gentleman who self. She is fascinated, however, by makes all the trouble. As he is con- the voluble little girl with the baby vinced that the girl his grandson loves she carries about, and soon becomes smercenary, he induces her to marry interested in the pitiably plucky of himself by paying her a large sum of fort of the child's sister, also a little money. The girl with the assurance girl, to hold down the job of washing of youth has decided that she can be- and froning till her mother returns come rich by marrying a man who home. The children are natural and must die soon and then will be able delightful; and before long the wed the man she loves, the grand- maiden lady is tending the baby and son. That young man is a doctor and doing over the older girl's essays in is disinferited by his grandfather so laundry work. A doctor has to be that he may show his ability by mak-called in for the children, which gives ing his own way. There is enough the opportunity for a bit of grownup material in this for a long story, but romance. It is a gentic and charm-Mr. McCutcheon has an axe to grind, ing tale with many things in it that He is interested in the question of medical ethics that raged in the news-straint on the sentimentality. The visit of the children to the circus will papers some years ago, namely, whether a physician should be persmall heroine with her steady flow mitted to end the sufferings of a patient dying of an incurable and painful of language. disease. The young doctor with youth-THE HAMPSTEAD MYSTERY. ful enthushesin has advocated this in rint and has thereby raised a storm. His grandfather, the husband of the girl lio loves, is smitten with such a disease, calls on his grandson to put girl gradually comes to see that her mercenary views of life are wrong. It takes a longer time for the doctor to forgive her for her behavior. When they are reconciled Mr. McCutcheon,

we understand him, makes them marry, for the probability of such a marriage is in the mind of some one er other from beginning to end of the stery. In what State, however, a man msy marry his grandmother legally is not stated. There are some pleasant people in this tale, especially an amiable and manly gilded youth; they all suffer artistically from the necessity of expounding the medical thesis.

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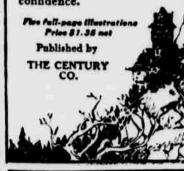
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tions; he is a Scots farmer's son, with in the scheme and the author is sar-adventure of stepping out of his circle a trick of speaking out his mind, castic at their expense, but paints an adventure of stepping out of his circle which gets him into trouble and makes many people look on him as an "innocent." He is a dreamer, who acts on Christian principles, seems to have an are thrown into the background by a original character in the book, who deaversion to work but has the faculty not very pleasant love affair. The votes himself in the respectable hours visit of the children to the circus will of making people believe in him and author has a poor opinion of the rich to his invalid wife. The first night's delight the reader and so will the of doing what he wishes. He wanders and shows it crudely in the conduct adventure is delightful. Assurance of with his violin into the slums of Pais-ley and lives with abjectly poor pea-ple. This portion of the book is ad-wiful, selfish, mercenary, snobbish atrical manager whom she has di-HAMPSTEAD MYSTERY.

| plc. This portion of the book is admirable. He is attracted by a woman mirable. He is attracted by a woman and a heartless filrt, her treatment by the brute she insists on marrying to man. He proceed and there seems to soul mate. Then Mr. Hay changes the interest of the authors of The like style to tell the woman's story, a in the end except that the somewhat the process of the development of the development of the process artist there is passionately in love with the process and the process of the pare her with the young person in his legues melodramatic take of the development of the pare her with the young person in his legues melodramatic take of the development of the pare her with the young person in his legues melodramatic take of the development of the pare her with the young person in his legues melodramatic take of the development of the pare her with the young person in his legues melodramatic take of the development of the pare her with the young person in his legues melodramatic take of the development of the pare her with the young person in his legues melodramatic take of the development of the pare her with the young person in his legues melodramatic take of the development of the pare her with the young person in his legues melodramatic take of the development of the pare her with the young person in his legues melodramatic take of the process artist there is resorded some vorced, and we are informed also that the young man. He process the term is pare her with the young man. He process a first treatment to the pare her with the young person in his legues melodramatic take of the process artist there is resorded some vorced, and we are informed also that the young man. He process the process the pare her with the young man. He process the process the process the process the process that the young man. He process the process the process the process the process the process the process that the process the process the process the process that the process the process that the discase, calls on his grandson to put him out of his agony and the doctor him out of his agony and the colorless artist here level have colorless artist here level have colorless artist here level have the his out of his agony and the colorless artist here level have colorless artist here level have the his out of his agony and the colorless artist here level have the his out of his agony and the colorless artist here level have the his out of his agony and the colorless artist here level have the his out of his agony and the doctor him out of his agony and the colorless artist here level have the between two files him out of his colorless artist here level have the between two files him out of his colorless artist here developed him out of his agony and the colorless artist here level have the between two files him out of his agony and the doctor him out of his agony and the set with the doctor him out of his agony and the set with the doctor him out of his agony and the doctor him out of his agony and the set was a set with the doctor him out of hi

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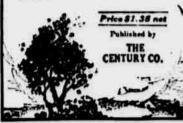
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W. Somerset Maugham, the English playwright, whose first novel, "Of Hu-man Bondage," put him in the ranks of important English realists, is in New York superintending the rehearsals of a new play in which Margaret Anglin is to star. Two other plays by Mr. Maugham are to be seen in New York

A motion picture production of Robert Nellson Stephens's historical novel, "Ar Neison Stephene's historical hove. An Enemy to the King." Is to appear this fall, with E. H. Sothern, the noted Shakespearian actor, and Edith Storey, one of our celebrated "movte" stars, playing the principal roles. "An Enemy to the King" originally appeared as a "spoken drama," with Mr. Sothern starring as the dashing and impetuous Er-nanton de Launay. The play was the novelized by Mr. Stephens at the suggest tion of the Page Company, who have to date reprinted the novel twenty-three

F. Hopkinson Smith was engaged in the writing of a novel of New York city at the time of his death and left the final drafts of some of its carly chapters, an elaborate synopsis, resembling the scenario of a play, but enfleched with side notes of new ideas and points of detail, and the little "Enoch Crane" "Finch Crane" has Just been published. F. Berkeley Smith, the authors are proposed if according to his Mr. Smith's most characteristic novel a story of New York centring about Waverley place, in Greenwich Village.

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There is similar testimony with regard to their own writings by H. M. Alden and Charles Runn Kennedy.

Phyllis Bottome, author of "The Dark Tower," the new novel announced by the Century Company, says she does not In the framework of a girls' story, The Sapphire Signet, Augusta Hufell belong to any particular school of Eng-lish writers, either political or social. Seaman has set an ingenious and in-

teresting mystery tale. A manuscript in eigher is discovered in an old house "I fall between two schools, for in in Greenwich Village, where buildings politics I am an aristocrat radical and in literature a romantic realist. That is way. Two bright girls and a sharp bey to say I like truth with some restraint and some attention to art, with, if postuction and hard work in the library to fill in the gaps in the story. This men as well as women, but I wish both men as well as women, but I wish both to fill in the gaps in the story. This class and sexes to have as far as possible equal opportunities. I think the institutions in England very free, but I is a remarkably unsophisticated oning man who, in Phillip Curtiss as by a line children also find a lost jewel and oning man who, in Phillip Curtiss as by a line by accident come across a literature of the leavent of the leavent property is the property of the large of the leavent property. It is not like hearing about a representation of the leavent property is the property of the large of the large of the story. This men as well as where a velocity of the story. This men as well as where a velocity of the story. This class and sexes to have as far as possible equal opportunities. I think the institutions in England very free, but I do not think it a free country socially a property of the large of the story. advertisement for creeds."

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Willard Wattles, the Kansos poet, is an aposite of the "back to nature" idea. Furning college terms he is a rather so-date instructor of English at the Uni-In spite of the fact that William J. Looke has been occupied with war work since the latter days of 1914 his literary activities have not abated. His new novel, "The Wonderful Year," will be published on October 7 and will be welcomed by all admirers of "The Beloved Vagabond." For eighteen months Mr. Looke turned his pleasant home at Hemel, Hempstead, Hertfordshire, into a hospital for wounded soldiers. He ts serving on the committee of the Authors hospital for wounded soldiers. He is serving on the committee of the Authors Society for helping literary men who

"Yanity Fair" for October.

Mrs. Belloc Lowndes, whose new novel, "Good Old Anna," has just been issued by Doran, has a great admiration for "pleasant" writers, like Anthony Trollope, whose work, she says, she reads and rereads.

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